Statement-I

List of Project (Medium and Large) after NEIP

State	No. of units	Capital Formation (Rs. incrore)	Employment
Assam	400	874	30664
Meghalaya	32	101	2595
Tnpura	23	12	364
Arunachal Pradesh	5	10	140
Nagaland	1	Nil	Nil
Manipur	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil
NER TOTAL:	461	997	33763

Statement-II

Details of Subsidy by NEDFi under the various schemes as on 26.11.2002

Sl. No	Name of the State	Transport Subsidy Scheme	Capital Investment Subsidy	Interest Subsidy Scheme
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.50	0	0
2.	Assam	52.48	5.46	0.28
3.	Manipur	0	0	0
4.	Meghalaya	23.65	0.87	0.40
5.	Mizoram	10.64	0	0
6.	Nagaland	11.56	0	0
7.	Tripura	1.97	0.75	0
	TOTAL :	104.80	7.08	0.68

Role and achievements of the department of NER

1812. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate, present role and achievements of his department;

(b) the total strength of manpower showing permanent positions created, number of posts being filled on contract basis, details of the present incumbents with their parent cadre, length of working experience in the North Eastern Region;

(c) whether the department is a permanent set up or an *ad-hoc* arrangement till a particular period;

(d) if *ad-hoc,* the details thereof;

(e) if permanent, details of power, resource provision, list of establishments/institutions brought under its jurisdiction or proposed to be brought; and

(f) the status of the proposal to amend the NEC Act?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (e) The Department of Development of North Eastern Region started functioning from September, 2001 .The work allocated to the Department is as under:—

1. Matters related to the planning, execution and monitoring of developmental schemes and projects of North Eastern Region including those in the sector of Power, Irrigation, Roads and Communication.
2. Hill Area Development Programme and Border Areas Development Programme in North Eastern Region.
3. Non-lapsable Fund for the North Eastern Region.
4. North Eastern Council.
5. North Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi).
6. North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC).
7. The Sikkim Mining Corporation Limited.
8. North Eastern Handlooms and Handicrafts Development Corporation (NEHHDC), Shillong.
9. Road works financed in whole or in part by the Central Government in the North Eastern Region.

10. Planning of Road and Inland Waterways Transport in the North Eastern Region.

All the Central Ministries/Departments (except those that have been specifically exempted) are required to provide at least 10% of their gross budgetary support for the North Eastern Region. The unspent balance out of this 10% is credited to the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). The Department of Development of North Eastern Region provides funds for infrastructure development projects from this NLCPR.

Guidelines have been formulated for administering the NLCPR. Procedure for sanction and release of funds from the NLCPR has been streamlined. The guidelines have been circulated to all States in the Northeast, and can be viewed at the website of the Department of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) www.northeast.nic.in During the current financial year regular Budgetary Provision has been made in the Demands for Grants of the Department of Development of North Eastern Region and Rs. 199.13 crore has already been released for 42 projects (40 State projects and 2 Central Sector projects).

The North Eastern Council was set up in 1972, following the enactment of the North Eastern Council Act, 1971, to secure balanced development of the Region. It prepares 5 Year Plan in consultation with State Governments. In the 9th Plan against an allocation of Rs. 2114 crores, Rs. 1925.54 crores were spent on various developmental Projects/Schemes. For the 10th Plan Rs. 3500 crores has been approved by the Planning Commission, with an outlay of Rs. 450 crores for 2002-03. priority areas have been identified in infrastructure, human resource development and IT and a focus is being provided to completion of ongoing projects and better monitoring. It is planned that with these initiatives, the general economic environment in the Region will improve substantially.

The first North East Business Summit was organized on 19-20th July 2002 in Mumbai in collaboration with FICCI and Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata, to showcase the investment opportunities in that region. A one day Workshop was organized on 16th February, 2002 in New Delhi wherein discussions were held, *inter-alia,* for augmentation of external assistance in the North Eastern States. This Workshop was attended by most of the external aid agencies operating in India.

(b) The total permanent strength of the Department is 53.

There is no post filled on contract basis.

The details of the present incumbents with their parent cadre is as under:—

1. Shri Atul Singh, Secretary, IAS (MP. 68)
2. Dr. H.K. Paliwal, Joint Secretary, IAS (UP. 81)
3. Dr. T. Kumar, Joint Secretary, IAS (W.B. 81)
4. Shri JP. Prakash, Joint Secretary, IAS (Assam, Meghalaya 82)
5. Shri B. Balgopal, Director (CSS)
6. Shri V.S. Prasad, Director (CES, Roads)
7. Shri Amitabh Ojha, Director (Indian Railway Services)
8. Shri Somit Dasgupta, Director (IES)
9. Shri D.K. Singh, Deputy Secretary (IAS, Kerala 89)
10. Shri John. K. Sellate, Deputy Secretary (IAAS)
11. Shri T.K. Murugan.Deputy Secretary (CSS)

Shri Atul Sinha, Secretary, Shri J.P. Prakash, Joint Secretary, Shri D.K. Singh, Deputy Secretary and Shri John K. Sellate, Deputy Secretary have the experience of working for the North Eastern Region.

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1. US/DO	3	7.	PA/Steno	12
2. SRO	1	8.	Assistant	4
3. PPS	1	9.	Jr. Hindi Translator	1
4. AD(OL)	1	10.	LDC	2
5. Section Officer	1	11.	Drivers	3
6. Private Secretaries	3	12.	Peons	10

(c) and (d) This department was created in the 1 st week of September, 2001 and not for any prefixed period.

(f) The NEC Amendment Bill has been passed by Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2002.

Financial allocation to NER

1813. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the basis of financial allocation made to various States of N"ER from the non-lapsable pool of resources;

(b) the break-up of amount sanctioned from the pool till October, 2002 State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether his department has returned few proposals of the Government of Assam recently which were deficient; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons and implications?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Funds from the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) are not allocated State-wise. Instead, project specific assistance is released for sanctioned projects under the Central Pool. The release of funds to the State Governments depends on their capacity to formulate sound project proposals, utilize the funds released and the pace of implementation of the projects on the ground.

(b) Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources became operational during the financial year 1998-99. Details of funds sanctioned under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources till 31 st October, 2002 are given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

State	Funds Sanctioned				
	1998-99	1999-2000	200001	2001-02	2002-03 (as on 31.10.02)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Arunachal Pradesh	15.00	19.65	43.96	74.24	36.46
Assam	28.81	105.86	69.31	89.18	17.25